URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION:

* Request for assistance development of 2nd Ring Road (Outer Ring Road).

COAL AND MINES:

* Request for allotment of Captive Mine Blocks for setting up of the following New Thermal Satiations.

ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS:

* Request for environmental clearance to Hyderabad Outer Ring Road Phase-I.

* Request for sanction of 6 FDA proposals for implementation during Xth Plan period under National Afforestation Programme.

HEAVY INDUSTRIES:

* Request for assistance to Hindustan Cables Limited (HCL)

* Request for revival package to M/s Bharat Heavy Plates & Vessels Limited (BHPV), Visakhapatnam.

Reduction of grants for various Vidyapeeth/Universities

1039. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that around 34 sport competition games placed at the Vidyapeeth/University level have put off cancelled due to Government's decision to reduce the grants for various Vidyapeeth/ University in the country;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken for the development of Sports infrastructure and competition at par with International standard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Till 31-3-2005, the Ministry was providing grants to Association of Indian Universities (AIU) for organizing Inter Universities Tournaments/Coaching Camps/Participating in World Universities Games etc. which formed part of the Scheme of "Grants for Promotion of Sports in Universities and Colleges" in accordance with the approved pattern. All the Sports Infrastructure Schemes have been transferred to the State Sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005, and accordingly no funds

have been allocated in the Annual Plan of the Ministry for 2005-2006 under the Sports Infrastructure Schemes. All the State Governments and AIU were suitably informed. Subsequently, AIU has informed that tournaments will be conducted out of registration fee to be collected from the participants.

(c) in view of (a) above, 'Sports' being a State subject under the constitution, State Governments have to create Sports Infrastructure out of their own resources. For conducting National/International tournaments and participating in International competitions abroad, the Ministry is presently providing central assistance in accordance with the approved pattern to the recognized National Sports Federations under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations. Sports Authority of India is also implementing schemes for promotion of sports namely (i) National Sports talent Contest; (ii) Army boys Sports Company; (iii) Special Area Games; (iv) SAI Traininng Centres; and (v) Centres for Excellence.

Construction of sports complexes in Maharashtra

1040. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any policy to develop or construct sports complexes in the country according to the census;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are considering to construct modern sports complexes as well as sports infrastructure in various districts of Maharashtra for the promotion of various sports activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) 'Sports' is a 'State' Subject under the Constitution. It is, primarily, the responsibility of the State Government to create basic sports infrastructure including sports complexes. Till 31.3.2005, the Ministry was supplementing the efforts of the State Governments including Maharashtra for creation of various sports facilities in this direction by providing Central assistance for creation of various sports facilities under the Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Schemes in accordance with the approved pattern subject to the receipt of viable proposals from the State Government. The Sports Infrastructure schemes have been transferred to the State sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005 and all